

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: VALLEY GAS COMPANY AND
BRISTOL & WARREN GAS COMPANY
VERY LARGE TRANSPORTATION TARIFF FILING

DOCKET NO. 3341

ORDER

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2001, the Valley Gas Company and Bristol & Warren Gas Company ("Company") filed a proposal with the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to establish a new Very Large Firm Transportation Service ("VLT") tariff for effect July 12, 2001;¹ and

WHEREAS, The proposed VLT service will provide a transportation service alternative that complements the Company's existing Contracted High Load Factor sales service for large-volume high load factor industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, The proposed VLT service will be offered to commercial and/or industrial customers who can demonstrate the capability to consume 600,000 Ccf or more of gas per year and contract for the purchase and delivery of natural gas from a third-party; and

WHEREAS, On June 26, 2001, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a memorandum indicating that it had reviewed the Company's tariff filing, found the VLT tariff to be reasonable and non-discriminatory to the customers in the Company's service area, and endorsed the proposal; and

WHEREAS, At an open meeting held July 11, 2001, the Commission considered the Company's VLT tariff proposal, found it to be reasonable and in the best interest of the ratepayers, and approved the tariff filing.

Accordingly, it is

(16726) ORDERED:

That the tariff filing to establish a new Very Large Firm Transportation Service by Valley Gas Company and Bristol & Warren Gas Company is hereby approved effective July 12, 2001.

EFFECTIVE AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 11, 2001. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON OCTOBER 1, 2001.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

Brenda K. Gaynor, Commissioner

¹ Designated Rate Schedule VLT.